SRI S. K. SAMBANDHAN : Sir, inspite of the large number of taxis licensed by the Government, is the Hon. Minister aware of the fact that they are not available for people especially during nights after 8 p.m. and may I know what arrangements the Government propose to make to make them available during nights?

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN : Sir, the Government have also decided to build up fleets of taxis in Madras City by licensing fleet-owners in addition to the present small operators so as to ensure uninterrupted service in the City. We are looking to some such fleet-owners coming up and taking licences.

SRI S. K. SAMBANDHAN : Is there any proposal to license more taxis owned by small proprietors?

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN : The policy is to license as many taxis, as we require. If applications are filed, they will be considered.

SRI S. K. SAMBANDHAN : Sir, if the same rates are allowed for the taxis during the day and during the nights, it will be difficult for the drivers and the operators. Therefore, is there any proposal before the Government to revise the rates and allow an increased rate for taxis running during nights especially after 8 p.m. or 9 p.m.?

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN : I have travelled all over the World, and I know of no country where the taxi fares are different, one fare for the day and another for the night.

SRI S. K. SAMBANDHAN : I am sorry the Hon. Minister is not aware of its existence. I would request him to go to Ceylon and to Malaya to see such rates. In those countries the fares are different during night and day, one rate for the day and another for the night.

(An hon. Member : They are not different.)

Nylon thread

* 23 *Q.*—SRI J. PONNUSAMY VILLAVARAYAR : Will the Hon. the Minister for Co-operation be pleased to State—

(*a*) the quantity of nylon thread allotted to the State during 1961–62;

(*b*) the districts to which it has been distributed and the quantity supplied to each district;

(*c*) the quantity of nylon thread supplied to Co-operative Stores and individuals; and

(*d*) whether the Government have received recently any representation about the irregularities in the distribution of nylon thread?

THE HON. SRI N. NALLASENAPATHI SARKARAI MANRADIAR : (*a*) Import licences to the value of Rs. 1,37,600 were issued to the Fisheries Department during 1961–62, 19,071 lb. of nylon thread have actually been imported and 6,050 k.g. are under supply.

		LB.
(*b*)	Madras	2,611-03
	South Arcot	50-00
	Thanjavur	450-00
	Ramanathapuram ...	600-00
	Kanyakumari	3,950-00
	Total ...	7,661-03

(*c*) 7,661-03 lb.

(*d*) No.

திரு. ஜே. பொன்னுசாமி வில்லவராயர் : சார், நைலான் நூற்பு மில் வைக்க ஏற்பாடு செய்யப்படுமா?

கனம் திரு. என். நல்லசேனுபதி சர்க்கரை மன்ருடியார் : தனி யாகக் கேள்வி போடவேண்டும்.

Co-operative Societies

* 24 *Q*.—SRI S. K. SAMBANDHAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Co-operation be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of Co-operative Societies that are defunct in the State as on 1st September 1961; and

(*b*) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE HON. SRI N. NALLASENAPATHI SARKARAI MANRADIAR :

(அ) நூற்றுத் தொண்ணூற்றேழு.

(ஆ) கூட்டுறவு சங்கங்களின் செயலற்ற நிலைமைக்கு காரணங்கள்.—

சங்கங்களின் நிர்வாகிகளும், அங்கத்தினர்களும் அவைகளை நடத்துவதில் ஊக்கமளிக்கவில்லை. சங்கங்களை நன்கு நடத்தக் கூடிய வேறு நிர்வாகிகளை நியமிக்கும் நிலைக்கு இடமில்லை.

SRI M. SUBBIAH CHETTIAR : May I know the number of Societies that became defunct because of default or irregularities?